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AND SYSTEM RELATING THERETO**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, enclosed is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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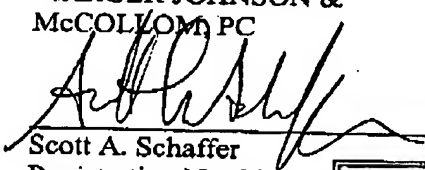
Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, dated March 22, 2004, Applicant hereby responds as follows.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election/restriction requirement and respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for restriction – stating that the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus which does not require the processor means of Group I claims. On the contrary, to perform the method set out in claims 22-30 (Group II), it is a processor means that performs the step "storing" data corresponding to a desired distribution of fluid over an area, and subsequent "instructing" each control circuit to actuate at least one fluid control device associated therewith to distribute fluid over said area in accordance with said data. These steps are defined in method claim 22. Claim 1 defines these functions of the processor means.

In the event the Examiner does not withdraw the election/restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-21, drawn to a control apparatus.

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